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Route 57 in Agawam was the scene of a triple fatality accident on Wednesday. Police are charging the driver of the car with vehicular homicide. Excessive speed was the apparent cause. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Student Protest Reviewed By School Committee

By Joanne Brown

A full report on last week's student walk-out over the lack of heat at Agawam High School was presented by Principal David Theodorowicz to the School Committee at last Tuesday's meeting.

Calling the demonstration a "peaceful protest" except for the leaders involved and an outsider who infiltrated the crowd and became rowdy, Mr. Theodorowicz detailed administrative actions prior to, during, and following the walk-out.

Actions Taken Prior To Walk-out

According to Mr. Theodorowicz, he had held meetings with School Business Director James Coon, School Maintenance Supervisor Lou Miodowski, and the supervisor of the construction project in order to speed up installation of heating units when the weather turned unseasonably cold. Public address announcements had been made repeatedly during the cold days to keep the entire school community up to date on the situation.

Mr. Theodorowicz stressed that even through the three coldest days at the end of the week of October 8th, student absenteeism did not exceed its normal percentage for this time of year, and he said no teachers were out during those days.

Confusion as to the actual number of students involved in the walk-out still exists since the event occurred during the normal lunch period and many students were outside the building relaxing during their free time. Mr. Theodorowicz estimated 75-100 students did not return to classes after the lunch period, and these students have received disciplinary action.

Discipline Meted Out To Rebellious Students

Those 15 senior students who skipped class after lunch were removed from the Max.-Ed. program as participation in this program is deemed a privilege.

For the 60 underclassmen involved, notification was given that they were to bring their parents into the school for serious conferences. These meetings are still continuing with all three principals conducting them.

Punishment was more severe for the two boys termed the leaders of the protest and for one girl student who used school duplicating machinery and paper to

reproduce circulars alerting students of the planned demonstration. The two boys were suspended for five days each, and the girl for three days.

All of the students were given zeros for the classes skipped with no make-up work to be permitted.

School Committee member Walter Balboni disagreed vehemently with the punishment given out. He flatly

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Raceway Receives Hostile Welcome Again

Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. appeared before the State Racing Commission for the second time this year and found that, as before, Agawam residents emphatically oppose any plans that would bring pari-mutuel racing to this community at Bowles Airport.

Show Negative Feelings

Over 250 residents turned out to show their negative feelings to the State Racing Commission and Pioneer Valley President John O'Neill last Friday evening at the Junior High School.

Although Friday's gathering was far below the 900 residents who attended the much-publicized August 20 hearing conducted by the state agency, it still brought out a bevy of local officials and the ever-present Agawam Citizens Together organization.

Following the August 20 hearing, the commission voted 2-1 to deny O'Neill's application. The commission based its decision on the fact that the applicant could not produce documented evidence to support their claim that town residents legally approved racing in the 1930's.

Pioneer Valley immediately appealed the decision in Suffolk Superior Court.

Racing Commission Chairman Paul Walsh of New Bedford told the audience that if Pioneer Valley's pending appeal of the commission's decision is granted, then the commission must reconsider the proposition not on its legality, but on its merits.

"We don't think there is documented evidence available, but the court might," Walsh said.

"Never Have Allowed Racing"

Raceway Attorney Edward J. Ryan of South Hadley said that while the documented evidence of the town approving racing 50 years ago could not be located, he said the State would never have allowed racing into this community without the legal granting of site approval by Agawam residents.

He pointed to a May 23, 1935, public hearing conducted by the Racing Commission and the subsequent approval by that board on May 28, 1935, as the proof needed to show the community granted site approval.

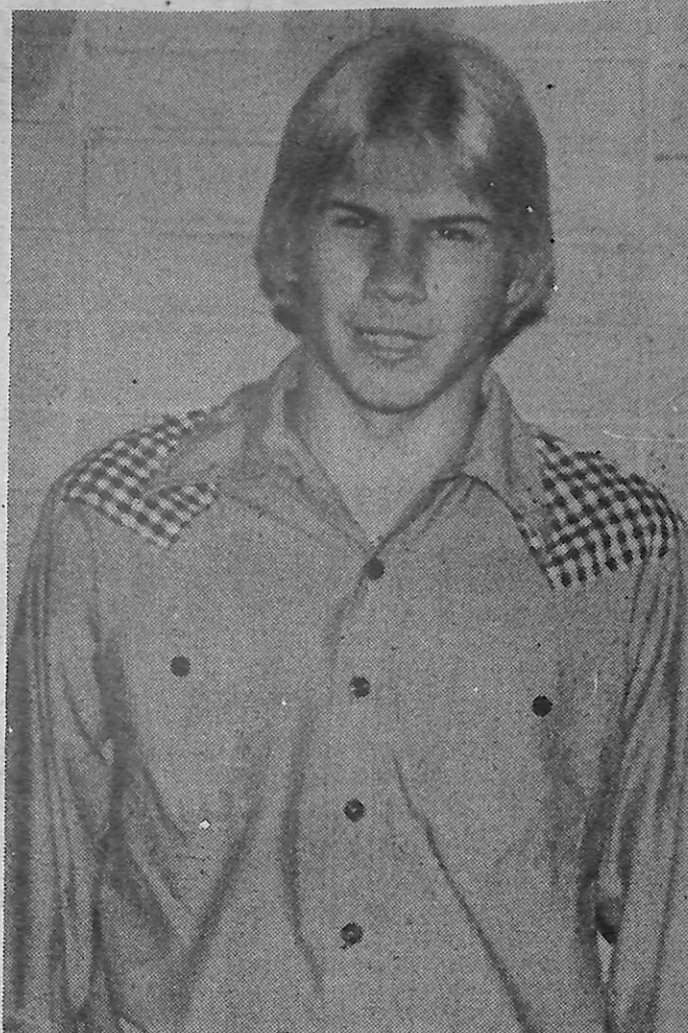
State Senator Alan Sisitsky told the commission that the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he sits as chairman, could find no information that shows the town has

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Pictured above after a recent tour of Fire Station Two by cub scouts from Pack 78 of the Polish American Club are (L to R) back row: Gary Brown, Fred Harpin, Lt. Doug Kerr, Don Wells, Don Creamer, and Gary Schneider. Front row: John Benjamin, David Kopy, Billy Duncan, and Den Mother Karen Gatelee.

SCHOOL NEWS



Dana Mowrer

AHS Student Selected For McDonald's Band

Agawam High School student Dana Mowrer, a member the AHS Band, was recently notified that he will be one of two students from Massachusetts to be a part of the 102 member McDonald's All-American High Schools Band which will perform at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, at Carnegie Hall in New York, and in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day.

Each year all of the band directors in the country have the opportunity to nominate two of their students for membership in this national all-star band. Two students from each state are chosen. The selection committee must come up with a balanced instrumentation from the thousands of nominees who include several hundred from each state.

The All-american Band was formed in 1967 to recognize the top-ranking students nationally and is directed by Paul Lavalle, former director of Radio City Music Hall and the Band of America.

Dana Mowrer is a senior at Agawam High and plays lead trumpet in marching and jazz band. During concert season, he plays first French horn and is also a member of the Agawam High Chorale and Madrigal group. He is one of the top-rated musicians in the Agawam band and has been active in solo/ensemble festivals with many excellent and superior ratings as well as the All-Western Mass. groups.

Dana is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mowrer of Reed Street and studies trumpet with Mr. David Baldock, band director at Agawam Junior High and Middle Schools.

School Lunch Menus

AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, Oct. 29: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tossed garden salad w/shredded carrots & French dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 30: Steamed frankfort in roll w/mustard & relish, oven French fries, buttered mixed vegetables, pudding w/topping, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 31: Apple juice, potted beef in gravy w/whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, dinner roll w/butter, Halloween cake w/icing, milk

Thursday, Nov. 1: Cup of tomato soup, cold cut sandwich in roll w/mustard or mayonnaise, buttered niblet corn, dessert, milk

Friday, Nov. 2: Filet of haddock sandwich, oven French fries, creamy cole slaw, tartar sauce or ketchup, ice cream cup, milk

SOUTHWICK SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, Oct. 29: Ham and cheese on wheat bread w/lettuce, French fries, chilled applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 30: Sliced turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, bread & butter, cranberry sauce, cookies, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 31: Ravioli w/meat sauce, grated cheese, buttered green beans, pudding, bread & butter, milk

Thursday, Nov. 1: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered corn, chilled peaches, milk

Friday, Nov. 2: Tuna fish salad on white bread w/lettuce, potato chips, buttered peas, strawberry jello w/fruit & topping, milk

Agawam Youth Center Activity Schedule

JUNIORS

Oct. 27: Caving
Oct. 31: 6:30 p.m. Arts and Crafts
November 4: Canoeing
November 6: 3 p.m. New games/Frisbee
November 11: Green River Day Hike
November 14: 6:30 p.m. Arts and Crafts
November 21: 7 p.m. Activities Meeting

SENIORS

October 27: Caving
October 28: Holyoke Range Day Hike
October 31: 6:30 p.m. Arts and Crafts
November 9: 3 p.m. Bike Repair workshop
November 10: Bike Day Trip
November 14: 6:30 p.m. Arts and Crafts
November 20: 7 p.m. Activities Meeting

For further information and details, call 786-1280 anytime.

Young and Old Engage In Cooperative Effort

Kindergarten students in the classes of Mrs. Linda Orr and Mrs. Judy Spellacy at Robinson Park School are being assisted in some of their projects this year by residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam.

The elderly residents of South Building at Heritage Hall are aiding the classes by measuring and cutting materials that the youngsters are unable to manage and in the preparation of paper materials for bulletin boards and other displays.

Mrs. Veneta Snyder, activities director of South Building, is the coordinator of this program linking young and old, and Mrs. Judy Anderson, a volunteer mother at Robinson Park School, is responsible for transporting the projects back and forth.

Youth Center Sponsors Bicycle Repair Session

The Agawam Youth Center held the first of a series of bicycle repair workshops on Thursday afternoon, October 18th.

Does your bike need the chain cleaned, a flat changed and patched, a bent wheel straightened, or the bottom bracket cleaned out?

These are some of the repair jobs tackled by our bike workshop participants. If you are a youth in Agawam interested in bicycle repair, drop by the Agawam Youth Center on Springfield Street and join in time for the next bicycle workshop on November 9th at 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 10th, the Youth Center is sponsoring a day-long bicycle outing. If your bike is in good shape, come down to the center and sign up for this event.

For information regarding our other activities, please call 786-1280.

4-H To Sponsor Jack O'Lantern Contest

Have you ever made a jack o'lantern? Would you like to compete for ribbons with other young people ages 7 to 18 to see who can make the best one?

If so, why not enter the pumpkin show at Fairfield Mall on Memorial Drive in Chicopee on Saturday, October 27th. This program is sponsored by the Hampden County Cooperative Extension Service.

To enter, just bring your decorated pumpkin to Fairfield Mall between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on October 27th. Pumpkins will remain on display from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and may be picked up after that. Ribbons will be awarded to all entries and special prizes will be given top entries.

Use clever ideas to decorate your pumpkin. Judges will consider originality, workmanship, creativity, cleverness, and general appearance in selecting winners.

If you have any questions, please call the Hampden County Extension Service, 4-H office, at 736-7204.

AJHS Receives 5-Year Accreditation

The executive committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges approved the recommendation of the Commission on Public Schools that the Agawam Junior High School be awarded initial accreditation in the association for five years through 1984.

A 23-member visiting committee made up of teachers and administrators from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island was assigned by the Commission on Public Schools to evaluate the Agawam Junior High School during the period from April 8 to 11, 1979.

The educational team assessed the quality of the educational program in terms of the school's stated philosophy and objectives. Commendations and recommendations were made in regard to the following areas: School and Community; Major Educational Commitments; Design of Curriculum; Student Activities; Learning Media Services; Student Services; School Staff and Administration; and School Plant and Facilities.

The report will be examined by the school staff over the next year in order to consider the various commendations and recommendations and to implement those that would be beneficial to the school.

Since it is in the best interests of the students that the citizens of Agawam become aware of the strengths and limitations of the school, the report will be available at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, at the office at the Junior High School and in its library, and at the Agawam Public Library.

AHS Coffee Hours Resume

The monthly parent coffee hours held at Agawam High School will resume on Thursday, November 1st in the high school library.

Parents of high school students are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend. This is an excellent opportunity to air gripes, make suggestions, and to tour the building.

A special attraction at this month's event will be a boomerang demonstration performed by Grant Ward, an AFS student from Australia presently studying at Agawam High.

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 10/30: Baked beans, weiners, cole slaw, peaches
 10/31: Soup, egg salad sandwiches, lemon cobbler
 11/1: Pot roast, noodles, mixed vegetables, jello
 11/2: Fish, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit
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We have room on our trip to the Holyoke Mall on November 29th - \$1.00 - and to the Coachlight Theater on December 12 - \$12.00. The play is "Desert Song."

Our flu clinic will be November 7th at 8 a.m. Please call in your names so we know how much vaccine we will need.

On November 10, we will have our annual bazaar. In addition to the many beautiful craft items, we will have plants, books, cookies, cakes and other tantalizing food items for sale and also a white elephant sale. If you can cook, bake, or donate anything towards making the bazaar a success, please let us know. Naturally, there will be coffee and tea to strengthen you while you shop and at lunch time, we will sell green pea soup with weiners and cookies.

Hypertension clinic is November 6th for letters A-L.
 Dr. Haynes foot clinic is November 7th. Please make an appointment.

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Cut-A-Cord Program Set For Robinson State Park

Gilbert Bliss, director of the Massachusetts Division of Forests and Parks, announced recently that a public Cut-A-Cord program will take place at Robinson State Park in Agawam, following the salvaging of fallen and damaged sawtimber.

According to Director Bliss, more than 1/2 million feet of hard and soft wood was left on the ground following the October 3 twister that hit the area. A timber sale to harvest the saw logs will be set up on a competitive bid basis during the month of November.

Following this, a public Cut-A-Cord program to remove the remaining tree tops and limbs will be in operation.

State Forests and Parks personnel in the region estimate that the Cut-A-Cord program should begin in late November and advise those interested to watch this newspaper for more information.

Last Date Announced For Sewer, Water Connections

The Agawam Department of Public Works announces that October 31, 1979, is the last date for applying for sanitary sewer connections, water connections, water connection renewals, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter. Connections applied for after October 31, 1979, will not be installed until the spring of 1980.



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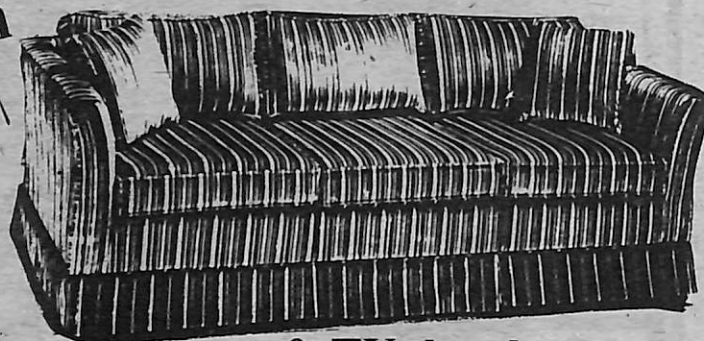
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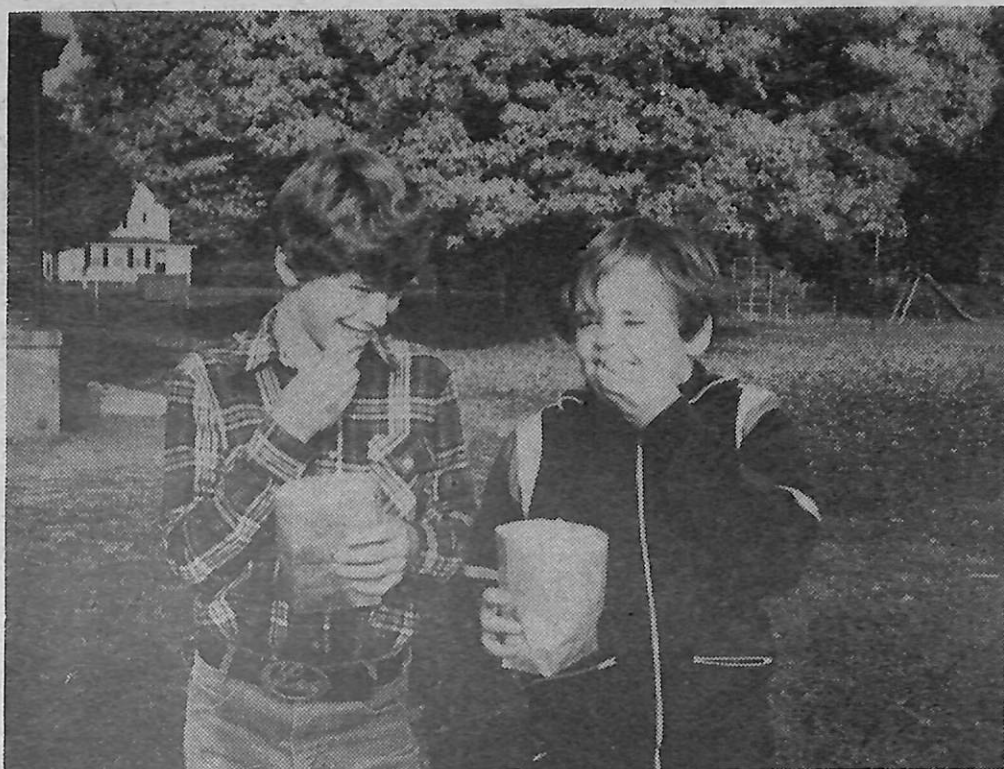
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Pictured above seemingly eating the profits of the Popcorn Sale held recently by resource room students at Phelps School are (left) Lee Chrisanthopoulos and Peter Hallock.



Other workers at the Popcorn Sale are (L to R) Timothy Sunstrom, Joseph Bigras, and Marie Rhodes.

Phelps Resource Room Holds Popcorn Sale

Things were really "popping" at Phelps Elementary School last Wednesday as fourth and fifth grade students in the resource room held a popcorn sale for the benefit of UNICEF.

A project in Ms. Gormally's class, the popcorn sale was an exercise in language arts and math. Students made up posters and hung them along the walls in the halls of the school. They also practiced making change for the popcorn, which was sold for 10 cents per bag.

Popcorn was sold at each recess on Wednesday. Two students were scheduled to work at each session passing out popcorn and collecting money. A total of over 300 bags was sold, and those involved felt the sale was a huge success.

Students who participated in the project were Lee Chrisanthopoulos, James McGregor, Marie Rhodes, Robert Altobelli, Sandra Hannah, Joseph Bigras, Timothy Sunstrom, and Peter Hallock.

Enrollment Data Released

Enrollment figures for the various schools within the Agawam system have recently been established. As of October 2, 1979, the following statistics apply to schools in town.

Enrollment as of October 2, 1979

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Phelps	52	51	52	69	76	76								8	6	4	394
Danahy		28	38	29	59	46											200
*Robinson	114	83	55	79	58	139											528
Peirce		27	47	47	58												179
Granger	80	88	96	90	101	84											539
Clark	52	59	67	86	74	50											388
																	2228
Middle							420	368									788
Jr. High									422	421							843
Sr. High											426	418	438				1282
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Early Childhood Program has 13 students bringing Robinson's total to 541.

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AIC Lists Local Day Students

American International College accepted over 500 new undergraduate day students for the fall semester. The majority are from Massachusetts, especially greater Springfield. Other states represented include the New England states, New York, New Jersey, California, and Missouri.

There are foreign students from Canada, Greece, el Salvador, and the Phillipines. AIC has traditionally welcomed international students to the campus and is authorized by the federal government to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

Students enrolled from Agawam are as follows: Mrs. Olive Graham, 177 River Road; Peter Brault, 24 Riviera Drive; Laura Sausville, 54 Charles Street; John Leone, 47 Mill Street; Michael Jensen, 39 Valentine Terrace; Darlene Bator, 59 Mill Street; Lisa ann Mercadante, 242 Elm Street; and Eugene Kelly, 60 Riviera Drive.

Also, Lisa Longtin, 259 River Road; Bryan Troie, 74 Riverview Avenue; Lynn-Ann Poggi, 123 Spencer Street; Steven D. Neilsen, 67 Greenacre Lane; Doreen Payne, 31 Virginia Street; William Michaels, 125 Country Road; Christopher Johnson, 25 Valentine Terrace; Donna Garvulenski, 35 Mill Street; Dorothy Della-Giustina, 469 Corey Street; Carmela Cardaropoli, 33 Peros Drive; Michael Barnes, 22 Wrenwood Lane; and Michael B'Shara, 63 Depalma Street.

From Feeding Hills are the following:

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Keep The Washingtons In Mass.

Town Council President Richard Theroux has recently complied with a request from the State to issue a proclamation striving to keep the famous Gilbert Stuart portraits of George and Martha Washington in the Commonwealth.

A campaign is underway to keep the famous portraits here in Massachusetts. The Smithsonian Institute with the resources of the federal government at its disposal has offered \$5 million to bring these paintings to Washington, D.C.

In April the Massachusetts House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution urging that the portraits remain in the Commonwealth, and in July, Governor Edward King issued a proclamation declaring that the time between September 20 and December 28, 1979 would be a period for enlisting financial support to keep the portraits in New England.

A committee called The Washingtons Belong in Boston, the Commonwealth, and New England has requested that leaders on the grass roots level alert their citizenry of the attempt being made to deprive Massachusetts of its treasures. Council President Theroux has responded by issuing a proclamation similar to Governor King's which asks for support in keeping these portraits here in Massachusetts, and he has agreed to serve as honorary chairman of this committee when it is established in Agawam.

Signing a Proclamation to keep Martha and George Washington portraits in Boston is Council President Richard Theroux. From left to right are: Pauline L. Donnelly, Theroux, Donna Phillips, and Gerry Brasen. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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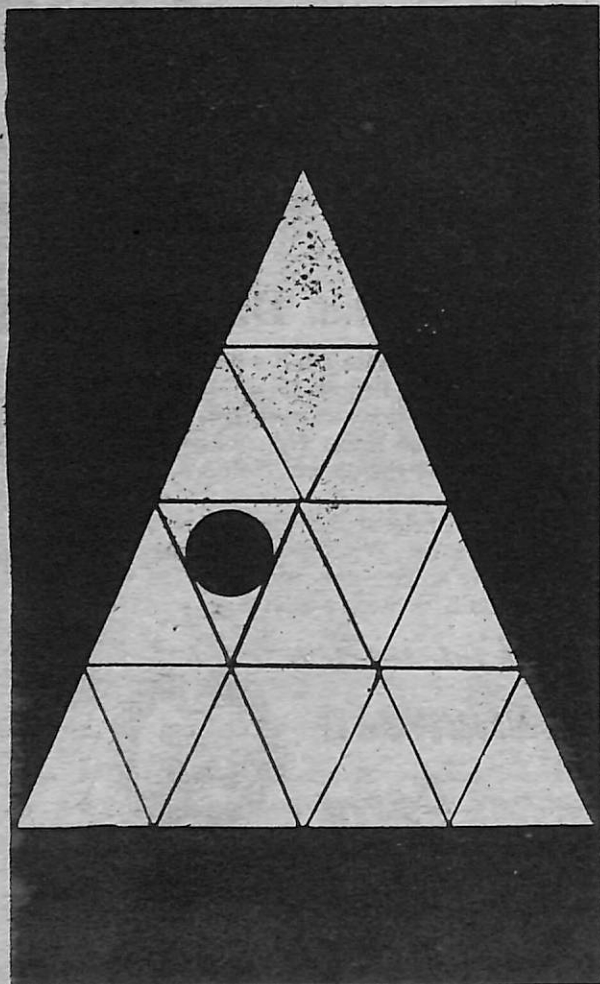
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Mrs. David R. Gay

Carol Kajka Weds David R. Gay

St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam was the setting on Friday night, October 19, for the marriage of Carol J. Kajka to David R. Gay.

Kathleen Kajka, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor, and Dennis Drew acted as best man.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Stella Corte of Debra Lane, Agawam, and of the late Stephen M. Kajka. She is a graduate of Belchertown High School and of Holyoke Community College and is employed by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Jessie Gay of North Main Street, Belchertown, and of the late Royal K. Gay. He is a graduate of Pathfinder Regional High School and is employed by Amherst College.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay plan to reside in Belchertown.

Andrews-Van der Puy Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Andrews announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Susan, of Agawam to Nick Van der Puy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Van der Puy of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The wedding took place on October 13, 1979, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin. The bride received her masters degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin and is employed as a school librarian in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Her husband is self-employed as a fishing guide on Eagle River.

Clearing House Project Goes Into First Phase

The Agawam Clearing House, under the direction of the Agawam Junior Women's Club for the sixth consecutive year, has already begun the first phase of this year's drive - writing letters, making telephone calls, and compiling lists.

The main objective of Clearing House is to channel all donations and contributions to the most needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Names are obtained from the school nurses in Agawam and Feeding Hills, and they are kept in the strictest of confidence. School children, businesses, clubs, scout troops, church groups, and private citizens have been most generous in the past and have made it possible to fill between 30 and 40 baskets every year for each holiday.

Unfortunately, because of the rising costs due to inflation, Clearing House is in jeopardy and may be discontinued unless it receives cooperation from the public.

Mrs. Barbara Connery, this year's chairperson, would appreciate greatly any contributions of food, money, or gifts. No contribution is too small when it comes from the heart! Mrs. Connery can be reached at 786-2671.

Taupiers Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On September 29, 1979, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Taupier were given a surprise party by their children in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The event, which was held at Post 277 on Oak Street, Indian Orchard, was attended by over 100 relatives and friends.

Al and Elaine Taupier were married September 25, 1954, in Springfield and have been residents of Agawam for 22 years. Al is employed by Bay State Gas Company as a supervisor in Customer Service. Elaine works for the Town of Agawam.

They reside with their four children, Deborah, Jacqueline, Daniel, and Robert, reside at 64 Woodside Drive, Agawam.

Swingles Plan Dance

The Swingles Square Dance Club will feature Henry Cosimini calling and the Benois cueing the rounds at their square dance on Friday, November 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. This is the annual Hobo Nite with franks and beans supper preceding the dance. Come dressed as a hobo!

The dance will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 33 Elm Street, West Springfield.

All western style square dancers, single as well as couples, are cordially invited to attend.

UNICO Will Hold Dinner Dance

Agawam UNICO will hold its 18th annual dinner dance open to the public on Saturday, November 3rd at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and a complete roast beef dinner with all the fixings will be served at 7:30 p.m. Dancing from 9 to 1 a.m. will accompany music by Jay Contrino's band.

President Thomas Coppola has appointed Tomas Cascio as dinner dance chairman, Paul Ferrarini as publicity and program book chairman. Other committee people include Frank Chriscola Jr., Albert Malone, James Bruno Sr., Winifred Corriveau, Joseph Masucci, and Paul D'Amato.

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the program book or be listed as a patron is asked to call Tom Coppola at 786-3535. Tickets at \$32 per couple may be purchased from Joseph Masucci at 786-8026.

Proceeds from this event will benefit mental health, retarded children, scholarships, and other chapter endeavors.

UNICO, a non-profit Italian organization, has for its motto "Service Above Self."

French Society To Present Spectacle Moliere

Le Cercle Des Dames Francaises will present the French Theatre of Boston "Compagnie Bernard Uzan" Le Spectacle Moliere.

The French play will be held on Monday evening, November 12, at Stage West Theatre, 1511 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, at 8:00 p.m. Chairman of this event is Mrs. Donald Pilon of Springfield and co-chairman is Mrs. Omer Gagne of Chicopee.

Bernard Uzan, professional actor and director, has received many prizes for his fine performances all over the world. In 1967, he received the French Actors' Guild prize as Best Young Actor.

Director of the theatre department at the French Summer School in Middlebury since 1972, Mr. Uzan has also presented programs on public radio in Vermont, Massachusetts, and in Martinique, and has acted in many plays in Paris and elsewhere in Europe.

This cultural experience can be profitable for all concerned. The public is invited and reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Pilon or Mrs. Gagne or Miss Clementine Poirier.

Newcomers To Hear About Food Co-Op

The Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will meet on November 6th at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 633 Main Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Scheduled for that night's entertainment is a representative from the Agawam Food Co-Op with an informative and interesting talk on the co-op and how it works. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The Newcomers welcome all women in the area to come and join us for a night out. For more information, call 786-2155 or 786-8358.

Yankee Doodle Fair Slated For This Weekend

The Agawam United Methodist Church will hold its annual Country Fair Bazaar at the church at 459 Mill Street on Friday, October 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Yankee Doodle theme, depicting crafts of today and yesterday, has been chosen and admission is free to the public. Many lovely knits, toys, crafts, candies, and baked goods will be on sale, including pies and breads which will be baked in the church kitchen.

On October 27th, a public Ham and Baked Bean Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. by the men of the church. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Herbert Binns or Mrs. Ellis Chase. Price: adults - \$3.00 and children under 12 - \$1.50.

Agawam Garden Club Will Hold Banquet

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its annual banquet on Tuesday evening, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain Laurel restaurant in Enfield, CT.

Deadline for reservations must be made by November 7th and may be made by contacting Judy Clini at 786-3736 or Mary Fedora at 786-2031 for your reservations. Guests and friends of members are welcome.

Guest speaker will be Roy Bouchard from the Berkshire Garden Center in Stockbridge, MA. His topic will be "California Here I Come!" and the presentation will include a slide show of a Garden Writers Tour of the California Seed Growers, including Burpee Seed Company and George Parks Seed Company.

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Christopher Named UNICO Man Of Year

Agawam UNICO's annual dinner dance to be held on Saturday, November 3rd, at Chez Josef will honor Albert Christopher as its fourth recipient of the civic award for outstanding and dedicated service to Agawam.

Frank Chriscola Jr., UNICO award chairman, and Thomas Coppola, president of the organization, will present the award.

Al Christopher was born, raised, and educated in Agawam. As a young boy, he became active in the 4-H organization, and when a senior in high school, was chosen the outstanding 4-H poultry boy in the United States. He received a scholarship and attended the University of Massachusetts.

He began his career as the "Corn King" by renting a small farm and then later buying the Randall farm on Main Street in Agawam and an additional 115 acres in Agawam Meadows.

Along with his farming business, he still remained active in 4-H as a leader and in 1955 received a plaque from the Commissioner of Agriculture as the Outstanding Young Farmer in Massachusetts.

In 1958, after the State took his property on Main Street for Route 57, he relocated to Meadow Street and opened the vegetable stand that he still operates every summer.

Christopher served for 25 years on the board of directors for Hampden County Farm Bureau. He is a charter member of Agawam UNICO, a 20-year member, and holds a life membership. He served 13 years as president of the West Springfield Fish and Game Club and 10 years on the advisory board for Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit.

He was treasurer of Springfield Farmers Market for 16 years, a town meeting member for 15 years, a member of the Business and Industrial Commission for 5 years, and a member of the Agawam Planning Board for 5 years.

Christopher is married to the former Jenny Petrangelo and has a son, Tom, who works on the farm with him, and three daughters, Janice Koth of Virginia, Ann Dutton, and Cathy Christopher of Agawam and eight grandchildren.



Albert Christopher

Past recipients honored by Agawam UNICO are Ray McCarroll, Louis DePalma, and Frank Chriscola, Jr. Thomas Cascio is chairman of the UNICO dinner dance. Tickets may be obtained from members or by calling Ticket Chairman Joe Masucci at 786-8026.

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declared, "There is no such thing as a peaceful demonstration, not when they're in a building paid for by taxpayers."

Balboni alluded to accessories being as guilty of a crime as the actual perpetrators and went on to state, "Any kid who defies school policy should be penalized as severely as the leaders."

Several other committee members agreed with him, especially in regards to the girl who had misused the duplicating equipment.

Police Called For Aid

Mr. Theodorowicz stated that he had called the police department at first mostly for psychological purposes to help settle things down. He said he later called them again after a crew of newsmen and photographers from television station WWLP (Channel 22) had shown up and "all of a sudden we had a mass demonstration on our hands."

According to Mr. Theodorowicz, the two officers who responded to the call told him that there were only two cruisers covering the whole town that day and that they would not be able to stay.

At the height of the demonstration, a boy who is not a student at Agawam High became rowdy, allegedly breaking a window and pulling a knife on one of the high school students. Mr. Theodorowicz reported that he notified the police of these incidents and left it up to them as the boy involved was not from his school.

The School Committee has requested a letter be sent from Acting Superintendent James Bruno to Town Manager Peter Caputo to get the facts on just what the police did and what procedures exist for emergency aid.

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October 25
Robinson Park PTO
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October 26
Bloodmobile
St. John's Parish Hall
2-8 PM

November 3
UNICO Dinner
Dance
Chez Josef
6:30 PM Cocktails
7:30 PM Dinner

October 27
Catholic Womens Club
Harvest Swirl Dinner
Dance
St. John's Church
7 PM

November 1
Councilors-At-Large
Candidates Night
Jr. High Auditorium
7:30 PM

Heat Situation Now Resolved

Business Director Coon reported that heat was now in existence in all rooms in the high school and that windows will be installed in the courtyard area this weekend.

He also reported that the only major item holding up any progress on the high school construction project was the fact that loam has not yet been purchased, and it is now too late to seed the fields. Coon assured the committee that proper legal procedures would be followed in recouping money from the contractor as the lack of sports fields will involve greater expense for bussing teams to other fields in town.

Coon also presented the committee with the free school lunch policy and income levels, which the committee approved.

Personnel Business

In the area of personnel, the recently-elected officers of the Agawam Education Association were presented to the committee. They are as follows: Peter Lowrey, president; William Quinn, vice-president for secondary level; Christine Jeserski, vice-president for elementary level; Arlene Mazza, secretary; Betty Walsh, treasurer; and Larry O'Brien, executive secretary.

A maternity leave from now until May, 1980, was granted to Mrs. Sherril Montessi, secretary at the Middle School. Mrs. Phyllis Bryan was appointed as temporary teacher aide at Granger. The resignation of Jacqueline Pressey, resource room aide at the high school was accepted and Carol Chenevert was appointed to replace her.

Policy Decisions Continue

A proposed policy dealing with smoking in school buildings was defeated on its second reading by a 4-3 vote. Those voting against the proposal disapproved of including administrative and department head offices in the designated areas where smoking would be permitted.

Due to the defeat of this proposed policy, a new policy will be considered after the School Committee receives input from a group of administrators and teachers working on similar proposals at the high school.

A second reading of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse policy and attendant regulations passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agawam School Committee will take place on Tuesday, November 13th.

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granted the necessary site approval "in the recent past." "After our investigation into the matter, we found that town officials have not approved racing in the recent past. Combined with the fact that present town officials have not approved it, we concluded that no license should be granted."

State Representative Edward Connelly noted that while the August 20 hearing was based on the claim by the applicant that racing was approved in the 1930's, he said the present hearing was based on local approval "of which there is none."

Proof Not Available

"It is obvious that the proof to show site approval is not available and was not available," Connelly declared.

He also pointed to high credit, skyrocketing inflation and energy costs as sound economic factors in not allowing the raceway firm to turn the Bowles site into the proposed \$3.5 million enterprise.

Connelly added that the non-completion of the highly controversial Route 57 bypass would further complicate the traffic flow to and from the proposed racetrack.

"Route 57 is the most nagging and most serious danger facing the town in its history," he said. "The highway is a danger to the people in town each and

Police Chief Announces New Crime Prevention Bureau

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski has announced the formation of a Crime Prevention Bureau with the police department to deal with an increasing number of housebreaks, narcotics violations, and sex crimes. Chmielewski has assigned Detectives Allan Collins and Gerald O'Keefe to the new unit.

With the holiday season fast approaching, Chief Chmielewski is anxious to implement a "Neighborhood Watch" program which emphasizes the need for each town resident to be watchful for suspicious persons or activities and to report such activity to the police department.

Each year preceding Christmas, the number of home and apartment breaks increases because the criminal element knows that the majority of homes have more cash and valuables in them during that time than at other times of the year.

The chief and detectives recently traveled to Hudson, Massachusetts, to meet with representatives of the Massachusetts Police Institute and obtained valuable insight into the formation of the bureau.

Chmielewski has made Detectives Collins and O'Keefe available to private, civic, and school groups who may wish a presentation on how to secure homes and businesses against intruders and how to react should they be victimized. He stated that the officers are most anxious to meet with apartment and condominium dwellers and senior citizens, who are favorite targets for housebreaks.

Any group or individual wishing to obtain information about the Crime Prevention Bureau may do so by contacting Chief Chmielewski at the Agawam Police Department at 786-4767.

every day that bypass is not built. a lawsuit to stop it from one of our sister communities could delay it for 2-3 years, and the racetrack going in would only compound that danger."

Caputo In Opposition

Town Manager Peter Caputo and Council President Richard Theroux joined the two state legislators in opposition to the track. Councilors John McNamara, Don Ladizinski, and Paul Paleologopoulos also told the Racing Commission the town is totally opposed to the proposal. Councilors John Bartnik, Stephen Cincotta, and William Herd were also in attendance.

Part-time assessor Fred Drew, the only town resident to speak in favor of Pioneer Raceway's application, said he was present at the town meeting in the 1930's when residents approved the zone change to allow racing at the site.

Drew, who has become a center of local controversy since he recently stated that he possessed documented proof of that town meeting, said his interest in lowering the tax rate was his basis for being a track proponent.

Geographic Center

Track opponents, including ACT President Daniel Lacinski, noted that the planned track was in the geographic center of the community with approximately 1,500-2,000 homes within a one mile radius of it.

"There are two elementary schools, a high school, and a junior high school right in that radius along with a number of churches. Believe me, this track is not conducive to the community."

Rudy Altobelli, a longtime teacher at the high school said that the Plainfield, Connecticut, dog track had an adverse effect on students in that community. "The same will happen in Agawam if this track is allowed in. As an educator, I believe the track would be counter-productive to both education and to the students themselves."

The Bowles site is owned by the Republican Company, owner of the Springfield newspapers. Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc. holds option to buy until January 1, 1980.

Agawam Shown Interest

Agawam has shown interest in purchasing the 300-acre parcel for a proposed industrial-air park if Pioneer Raceway does not meet that deadline.

Walsh told the gathering that if Pioneer Raceway's appeal is tossed out of Suffolk Superior Court the commission's original decision against the race track will be upheld.

Many residents at the hearing pointed to the non-binding referendum question about harness and dog racing on the November 6th ballot as a key to snuffing out any further attempts to bring a track into the community.

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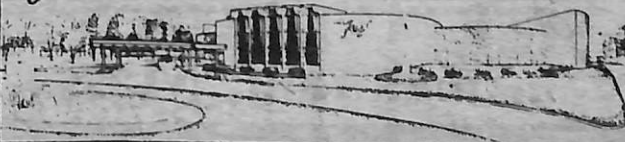
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Caputo's Resume Scored At Hearing

The resume of Town Manager Peter Caputo, a subject of bitter controversy last summer, again re-surfaced as resident Dermot Desmond and council at-large candidate Valentine R. Moreno conducted a public hearing on the Caputo resume Thursday, October 18.

Necessary Signatures

The resume controversy erupted in July when Moreno claimed to have uncovered a number of discrepancies in Caputo's educational background. Moreno later charged Caputo with falsifying resumes that he had sent out for various other administrative positions outside of Agawam. Both Desmond and Moreno acquired the necessary signatures to hold the public meeting after the Town Council voted 12-0 August 22 in executive session to retain Caputo as manager. The council deemed Caputo's resume a product of "human error."

The approximately 175 attentive and well-mannered residents who attended the session at the Junior High School auditorium heard both Desmond and Moreno point to what they claim as a "criminal act" on Caputo's part for applying and subsequently accepting the position under false pretenses.

Desmond scored the Council for what he described as a "whitewashing" of the issue at their executive session. Desmond said that Caputo has yet to submit his acquired college credits to an accredited institution for review, a point that the manager agreed to during the Council's August deliberations.

School a Phony

Desmond told the audience that Rochdale College, the school that is listed on Caputo's resume as the institution where Caputo received his bachelor of arts degree, "as a phony and a place where degrees were given out for just \$25.00." Canadian officials have gone on record as verifying that fact, Desmond noted.

With Councilors Dennis Roberts, Stephen Cincotta, John McNamara, and Robert Deforge in attendance, Desmond blasted Councilor Frederick Nardi for admitting during the executive session meeting that he had some question about Caputo's credentials when the manager was being reviewed for the position.

Moreno, a well-known mayoral activist, and Desmond, who has been called a mayor advocate, but denied that tag, stated he was in favor of the old selectmen form of home rule and urged residents to press their councilors to reopen the resume issue.

Both men also urged residents to vote for the Mayor/Council form of government on the November 6 ballot.

Commented Desmond about the upcoming referendum, which also asks for a revised Manager/Council charter: "If the mayor is voted in, hopefully the devil we get is the devil we know." He asked the people in town to make up their minds on the manager and not use the Council as a guide.

Following the meeting, a flap over the official recording of the minutes occurred among Town Clerk Edward Caba, Theroux, and the two resume investigators.

Want Minutes In Town Hall

Moreno claims that the minutes of the meeting should have been officially placed in the town records, while Theroux and Caba argued over who has responsibility for no minutes being taken.

Some political observers told the Advertiser/News that the ultimate decision over the charter change will be decided by the merits of Caputo's performance and not on the resume issue.

Another veteran politician disagreed. He said, "the resume is something people in town will have to judge and then weigh it against what the man has done for the town. One thing is for sure; no matter what happens, things won't change, not here."

According to Desmond, the community has grown weary after 7 years of political warfare under this present charter. He added, "I believe people will judge what we have presented on its merits and show up November 6th with an attitude for change."

Through the use of an overhead projector and by

passing out related documents and the manager's resume, Desmond and Moreno exhibited to the audience how they went about their investigation, which Moreno says has been going on for over two years at a personal cost of \$852.

Question marks were also thrown out to the audience on Caputo's claim that he had acquired enough credits for a master's degree at age 25. According to Moreno, the manager's high school diploma is also in question.

Desmond declared that the Council, during its closed door session with Caputo, spent most of the time attacking Moreno's credibility and very little time questioning the manager's academic background. Desmond was particularly critical of Council President Richard Theroux, who opened the Thursday meeting, but departed after doing so.

No Intention Of Bringing Out Issue

"Theroux spent all his time defending Caputo and had no intention of bringing out the real issue at hand," said Desmond.

"It's proven that the man said he had enough credits for a master's degree at 25, yet, oddly enough, he didn't get his degree from Rochdale until he was 30. How can that be?" Desmond asked the gathering, who remained quiet for most of the 95-minute presentation, though, at times, broke out in applause.

A recent interview with Channel 57 was also shown to the audience. In that interview, the late Councilor Floyd Landers was quoted as stating that Caputo was hired not only on the basis of his municipal experience, but also for his impressive academic background.

Landers noted that it was the education of the manager that jettisoned him to the town's highest administrative seat. Landers said that a grave injustice had been committed by the hiring of Caputo.

Questions Two Year Interval

Desmond further declared that during the investigation of the resume, he and Moreno had uncovered a two-year period that could not be accounted for. "We're checking that right now for possible criminal activity," he remarked.

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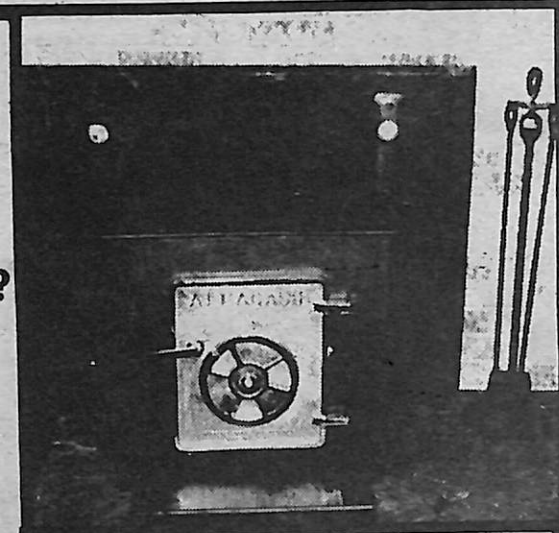
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Pat Guevin

To The Editor:

Our trip to Westland Farm was wonderful. The entertainment was great. The meal was great. What a wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

The bus drivers were great to get us off to a great trip. Many thanks to our directors.

A Happy Senior
June Neill

To The Editor:

In discussing the location of a racetrack in Agawam, the people in town seem to have the mistaken idea that the only racetrack site available here is the Bowles Airport tract of land.

Not so. Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. does hold the option for that property, but the option expires the end of December. Should the court rule against the issue of prior local approval, the case rests for Pioneer Valley Raceway.

This now opens up the town to the other four promoters in this area; i.e., Southwick and three in Westfield - remember them. Each is trying to find a home for their racetrack operation on any piece of available land.

ANY PROPERTY over 50 acres is a suitable site for a new racetrack.

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Vote no on questions 3 and 4!

Dale Melanson
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Signing the water contract between the Town of Agawam and the City of Springfield Water Commission are, from left to right: Peter Caputo, Agawam Town Manager; Mayor Theodore Dimauro, City of Springfield; Richard Theroux, Council President; and Lambert R. Ollari, Agawam Town Attorney. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

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Caputo Seeks Disaster Aid Funds

Town Manager Peter Caputo today asked that any Feeding Hills resident or businessman whose property sustained damage during the recent tornado to please submit to his office, in writing, a brief description of the damages and an estimate of their repair costs.

Caputo said that the information is necessary so that he can file a report with the state's Civil Defense Office for a ruling on whether or not Feeding Hills will receive disaster relief funds.

On Tuesday of this week, Robert Boulay, Massachusetts Civil Defense Director and Arthur DeVasto, a federal Small Business Administration coordinator, along with Caputo, toured the Feeding Hills area. A preliminary inspection found sixty two homes and 6 businesses which had sustained damage. Caputo noted, however, that he felt the number was probably higher.

He urged anyone wishing to file a report to his office to do it immediately and in writing. Verbal reports, he indicated, would not be sufficient.



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Commentary...

Vandalism At Junior High And Public Library

By J. L. Miodowski and Jack Kunasek

Pictured on this page is a result of drinking and lack of respect for personal property and a total lack of responsibility.

As a taxpayer, I have a right to police protection; free education for my children; a voice in my government to assure my rights; fire protection and legal protection: everything under the constitution to assure my rights. Every federal, state, city or town public building has a poster telling me of my rights. From the time a person is old enough to do their own thinking, they are taught about their rights.

But what about my responsibilities? We don't hear that word any more. We talk about the youth of America and the direction they are going in. We criticize their actions, yet it is only a small percentage who disturb the whole system.

What about this small percentage who have placed a

stigma on all young people? Who is really to blame?

John Doe just bought his 14-year-old a motorcycle. He is not old enough to take it out on the public way, but he has a right to enjoy himself. Where is the responsibility of the parents? John Smith is 13 or 14 years old and is so drunk he cannot walk. What is the responsibility of the parents?

The Town of Agawam has more going for their kids than any other city or town in our state. We provide athletic facilities for all ages; Parks and Recreation programs, Athletic Association, Youth Center, YMCA, and Span Center.

All of these activities involve matching ability, supervision and fair play, competition with their own age and not bulliness or gang control. This all involves fair play, true sportsmanship, respect and responsibilities.

It is the responsibilities this 5% do not want to comply with. It is the responsibility their parents do not want to have about. Kids are afraid of retaliation when trying to protect what is rightfully theirs. If they only knew they number about 95%. I am sure united together for their own good and the good of this community, this 95% should be able to control the 5%.

Who is affected by the damage done by this 5%? Everyone. Your son or daughter who required stitches because they fell on broken beer bottles. Your children who couldn't play ball because the field was ripped up. Police protection needed at roller skating rinks.

The police, school department and public officials

cannot do your job at home. More and more tax dollars are spent on people's rights.

Responsible parents and people who work on their responsibilities are the ones who are being short-changed in our town. The 95% of good children are being hurt. I feel the responsible parents are those whose children attend school regularly, who are never in trouble with the school administrators or the police department. These are the people who will go out to see if their children are where they say they are. The ones who insist upon their being at home at a set time. The ones who will wait up at night until their kids are home.

These are the people who have earned their rights because they are responsible. These are the children who contribute to and not take away from society.

This is an appeal to the 95% of the parents and the 95% of the youth. Protect what you have. If vandalism continues to go up, your taxes are going to go up. If the budget is too high, your services are cut. You are the loser, no matter how you look at it. Why should you be punished? You have done nothing wrong. Let the good people of our town be seen and heard.

Notify your police if you see any vandalism going on. When you ride by town property, take an interest in what is going on. It is yours. Abutters, look out once in a while to oversee your schools and your parks. Today it is your park and school grounds; tomorrow it is your front yard.

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Councilmen At Large Candidates Night Set

A Candidates Night for those running for positions as Councilor-At-Large on the Agawam Town Council will be held on Thursday, November 1st, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium.

This event will not be sponsored by any group or organization. It will be moderated and timed by women from League of Women Voters.

The forum will allow each candidate time to express his/her position on current issues and then an informal question-and-answer period will follow.

All voters of Agawam are urged to attend this event and meet the candidates.

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AHS Band Takes First

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard took first place in the State Marching Band Contest which took place last Sunday in Lowell. Our band was entered in Class AA, bands having up to 75 musicians.

The competition involved a field routine by the full group with a 10 minute half-time performance following a rigorous inspection of equipment, uniforms and instruments.

Sixteen bands, mostly from the eastern part of the state, took part in the contest which concluded with a performance by the University of Massachusetts Marching Band while the judges' points were tabulated.

Judges for the event were David Wells from Murray State College, Kentucky; Alan Gillespie, director of the bands at UConn; Walter Chestnut, Director of Wind Ensemble at UMass; and William Elwell, director of the band at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, High School.

Judges evaluated each band's abilities in the areas of music, marching, and general effect-showmanship. Each provided taped comments made as the show took place in addition to score sheets on the detailed areas being judged.

In overall scoring, Agawam's band placed over all other bands. Norwood High School won the large band class, over 100 musicians.

Agawam's win also came in spite of 4 points in penalties that were invoked on matters whose interpretation are still under debate.

According to Band Director Darcy Davis, the local band turned in one of their top performances of the year after a week of exceptional practice efforts that saw members on the field from supper through the first hour of dark and then in the gym for special evening rehearsals.

A week earlier at the University of Connecticut, after a week of rain and no chance to get any field practice, the Agawam Band performance had not been up to par and a 5th place award was given with honors being taken by the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, East Lyme, Connecticut, and Concord-Carlisle, Massachusetts bands. However, this was an open class competition with no size restrictions.

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November 6'th

Business Association Sponsors Candidates' Night

The Agawam Business Association will hold a Candidates' Night for all those running for Town Council and for School Committee on Monday, October 29th, at St. Anne's Country Club beginning at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Weather Associates Open Local Offices

New England Weather Associates of North Adams, the only full-time weather forecast operation in Western Massachusetts, has opened a branch office in West Springfield and is introducing to the Connecticut River valley their unique Community Weather Phones.

These automatic weather phones provide updated local weather forecasts to individual cities and towns via Foreign exchange line (direct non-toll lines to the communities served.)

On October 1st, twelve community weather phones began operation at the West Springfield office, including one for Agawam.

New England Weather Associates is a 7-day per week weather service, owned and operated by John and Andrea Hockridge of North Adams with a staff of five meteorologists. It has been in operation since 1972 and provides specialized forecasts to a variety of clientele including major ski areas in Western Massachusetts.

The weather phones are supported by local merchants and industry in each community served. It is expected that the 23 community weather phones now in operation will receive over 250,000 calls each month during the upcoming winter months.

The new Community Weather Phone now in operation for Agawam 24 hours a day, seven days a week and updated a minimum three times per day can be dialed at 786-1234.

Bloodmobile Slated

A Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held at St. John's Parish Hall on Main Street, Agawam, on Friday, October 26th. Donor hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m.

This bloodmobile is sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church's Scout Explorer Post 77 under the leadership of Andrew Paul, who is a candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout. Andrew chose this work for the Red Cross blood program because he believes that it is a people-to-people program concerned with saving lives. He has set a goal of at least 50 donors for this bloodmobile and is inviting all eligible donors to join the bloodline now.

If you are in good health, between the ages of 18 (17 with signed parental consent form) and 65 years, weigh 110 pounds or more, and have never had hepatitis, then you are eligible to donate blood even if you have never done so before.

To make an appointment, call Andy Paul at 789-0115 or the Red Cross chapter house. Walk-ins will also be most welcome. Please give the gift of life - blood.

Connelly Hospitalized

State Rep. Edward Connelly of Agawam entered Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Wednesday for what he termed "elective surgery." Connelly said that he is having his gall bladder removed on advice of his doctor.

Connelly said in a telephone interview that he thought the State Legislature would recess by October 15th, thus the selection of the date for the surgery. Connelly noted that his aide, Michael Walsh of Agawam, will be in Boston during the day and can be reached at his home at 789-0128, in the evenings.

Connelly's hospital stay and subsequent recuperation at home should take three to four weeks. While in Mass. General, he will be in Phillips House.

SPORTS

Welcome To My World

By Charles Duclos

"Cheerleaders Capture Crowd"

Making their first appearance at a football game, the Agawam Junior High School Cheerleaders, under the direction of faculty members, Mrs. Frances O'Brien and Mrs. Pamela Estock, performed magnificently before an appreciative audience at the Agawam-Westfield football game.

Approximately 200 fans responded to the Warriors' cheers as the pulsating cadence continued from the start of the game to the end. Intricate hand and arm maneuvers, high leaps into the air, and delicately-balanced pyramids formed the foundation for the physical part of their display of talent. A continual litany of players' names and chants of encouragement carried across the field and into the stands.

Half-time activity saw the group give a special recognition to this year's Junior High School soccer team spearheaded by Coach Dave Smith. Each player was individually called to the field by the cheerleaders, where he was given a resounding call.

Other half-time activity included the Junior High School's marching band conducted by David Baldock. They carried the momentum set by the cheerleaders in their songs *She's A Grand Old Flag* and *Yankee Doodle*.

Mrs. O'Brien indicated that this performance by the cheerleaders was the first of the season and will be continued throughout the football, soccer, and basketball schedules.

Designed to promote school spirit and community awareness of some of the extracurricular dimensions be-



Pictured above are the Agawam Junior High School cheerleaders (L to R)

Back Row: Ellen Smith, Jody Dennis, Kris Knight, Kim Kozak, Sue Bodurtha; Middle Row: Nancy Rawson, Karen Duda, Debbie White, Mary Walsh; Bottom Row: Cathy Sheehan, Lori Bartnik, and Karen Augusti

ing undertaken at our Junior High School, the cheerleaders and the band richly deserved the applause and admiration they received. Continued success will require the support of the students, parents, and the community in general.

Co-Captains Chosen

Kim Kozak and Mary Walsh have been chosen as the co-captains of this year's Agawam Junior High School's cheerleader squad. Mary is in the ninth grade and Kim fills a position in this year's eighth grade class.

J.V.'s Split

Agawam High School's junior varsity boys' soccer team split a pair this week in league action. Involved in a one-sided shootout against South Hadley, the Brownies' feet burned the sphere through the uprights eleven times, while the Spartans never found the handle.

Dave Duclos and Blaine Bauman played as if someone had given them a hot foot as they sank four and three tallies respectively. Billy Egan dropped in two and John Duggan and Bob Maltoni picked up a single

marker each.

Assists went to Tony Venturini, Tim Gueneri, Jim Podgorski, Mike Cormier, and Dave Podgorski.

Art Chase, usually playing goalie, was put into the line and helped with an assist of his own. Agawam-11; South Hadley-0.

In their next tilt, good hustle by Dave Jenks, John Duggan, and Jay Leamis was not enough to hold Northampton down as they dropped two points into Agawam's net in the first half. Their third and final goal came in the 4th period to give them a 3-0 margin over the Brownies.

A.A.A. 13-14 Girls' Soccer

Coach Bill O'Brien's gals moved into double figures in the win column when they were victorious in the last two times on the field.

In nip-and-tuck action, Agawam narrowly defeated the 16 Acres Lions by 3-2. The Acres on an indirect kick managed to skip on past the three A's goalie to take a 1-0 edge. On the next set-up, Dianne Goodman carried through from the quarter field position to tie the game. Lisa Chevalier managed to surge O'B's chargers to a 2-1 advantage when she lifted one through the bar from 25 yards out on an assist from Lee Anne Sandlin, positioned in front of the goal.

The Brownies took a commanding 3-1 lead in the second half on Debbie Dalton's squeaker through a sea of feet in front of the goal. This was not to deter the Acres as they came back strong and pressed one past the 3A's goalie for a second marker; however, the Brownies held for the 3-2 victory.

With Maria Kosloski kicking quite keenly, O'B's charges dropped the Ludlow Stars by a 5-0 margin. Maria dropped in the first two and also the last point, while Jennifer O'Brien and Michelle Quaglini each took advantage of Ludlow's goalie.

This team, playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League and sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association, now has 10 wins, 0 losses, 0 ties for a record, which puts them in first place in their division.

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Bombers Ruin Brownies 14-8

Very little went right for the Agawam Brownies at Municipal Field last Saturday - very little.

Obviously still smarting both physically and emotionally from the heart-breaking setback to Holyoke a week earlier, the locals learned the hard way that life in the AA Conference is, indeed, life in the fast lane and there can be no room for a flat performance.

Westfield's Bombers made that point only too clear in a convincing 14-8 decision over the townies under beautiful sunny skies.

"Yes, we were still hurting mentally from the Holyoke loss," admitted Brownie Coach Jack Michalak. "We had some trouble preparing for this one in practice. Add our injuries to it, and it was a long afternoon for us."

"It was a bitter pill to swallow, but we can't make any excuses. They played a fine game and we didn't. It's that simple," the second-year mentor bemoaned.

Westfield's upset halted a two game losing skein for the defending league champs and put the Brownies in a tough predicament. The defeat virtually knocked them out of the race for first place - a bitter pill indeed.

About the only thing that did generate some excitement for local loyalists who suffered through an afternoon of Bomber ball control through a knockdown, chew-it-out running game was Ricky Leclerc's 50-yard aerial hook-up with the high-scoring Abe Yacteen.

Yacteen outfought a Bomber defender at the goal line for Leclerc's toss and walked into the end zone upright.

Yacteen's seventh six-pointer cut Westfield's advantage to 14-6. Leclerc followed by bulldozing in for the two point conversion. 14-8. 6:35 left. Plenty of time, but...

Ron Reopel's emotionally-activated group would have no part of allowing their well-deserved lead fade into the October breeze. Backs Chris Sampson, Steve Leavitt, and Sal Vella made sure of it.

Methodically, the hosts continued to put their game who the coaches and the Agawam Booster Club named plan to Agawam...run, run, run again. Two key fourth as the locals offensive player of the encounter. "We just down plays broke the Brownies back. One was turned have to sort things out and get back to where we into a first and ten under Westfield's own power and the belong."

"When we got that touchdown and then Ricky scored the two point conversion, I thought we could pull it out," Michalak pointed out. "But it was obvious they had no intention of giving us the ball back."

Westfield meatgrinded it out for 320 yards total offense, 300 of those coming by the infantry.

Sampson, a slashing sort, crunched through the Brownie line for 132 yards and a touchdown. His tally climaxed a 36-yard march after Brian Hedge pounced on a Kurt Toomey fumble. Sampson lunged to paydirt for a 14-0 cushion at the 8:33 mark of period four on the series seventh play.

Injuries had an unsettling effect on the favored Brownies. It was fairly evident as the game progressed that the Holyoke classic had taken its toll.

Linesman Mike Longhi saw only spot duty; Vin Kortabani saw none; Steve Wojcik was lost to an ambulance early in the second half. Yacteen, Robers, Pezzimenti, and others were nursing an assortment of nagging bumps and bruises. It showed.

The Bomber attack rattled off six, seven yards a clip from the outset. During the scoreless first half, Agawam's offense appeared jammed between gears, needing a trip to the repair shop.

The Bombers, controlling the ball and the clock, slammed and bammed on a 17-play drive beginning at the 8:30 mark of the second stanza only to be thwarted at the Brownie one foot marker.

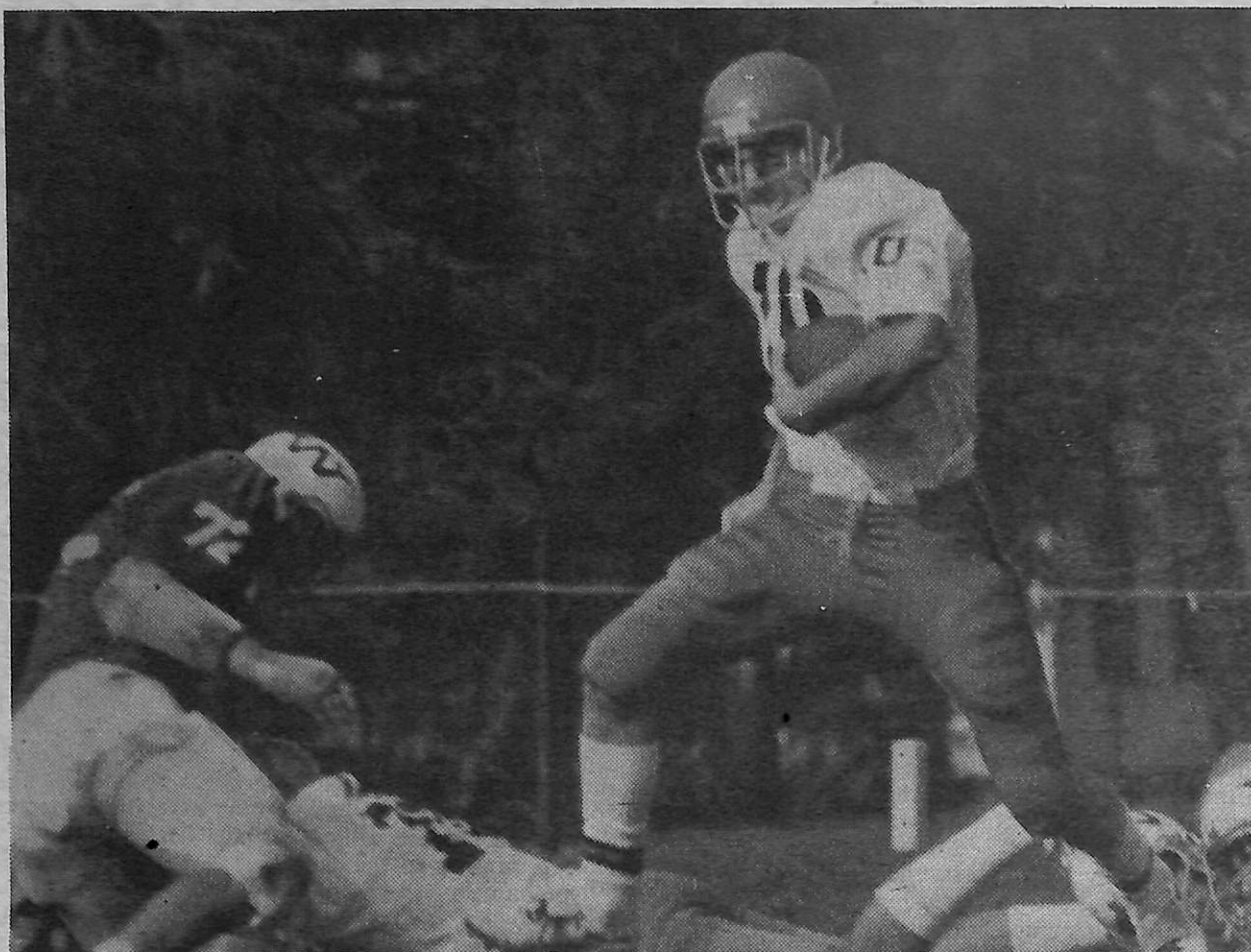
Westfield had four cracks to forge ahead, but the Brownie defensive rose to the occasion and threw back Vella's dive on fourth and inches and no time remaining. Michalak credited Roberts, Bill Blackak, and Pezzimenti, along with Jim Fleming and Wojcik for repelling the Bomber barrage.

Midway through the third quarter, the Bombers assembled another long assault to the flag and this time were not denied their due.

Leavitt scooted around left flank from 4 yards out to cap the 68-yard, 11-play scoring drive. A big blow enroute was a 22-yard connection from quarter back Bryan Hedge to Sampson, bringing Westfield to the threshold on the Agawam 11.

"I was very pleased with the win. The kids were ready for it," noted winning coach Ron Reopel. "We put things together when we had to and beat a very fine team."

A surprisingly rugged Bomber defense that had been much maligned in recent losses to West Springfield and Chicopee limited Agawam's usual potent salvo to just 190 yards. Agawam's total yardage and scoring output marked low points for the current season.



Pezzimenti storms over the top!!!

"We just never could get on track," said Leclerc, who the coaches and the Agawam Booster Club named as the locals offensive player of the encounter. "We just down plays broke the Brownies back. One was turned have to sort things out and get back to where we into a first and ten under Westfield's own power and the belong."

The Rock of Gibraltar, middle linebacker Pezzimenti, received the defensive honors for the second consecutive week. Michalak tagged the senior as a "gutsy player" for performing so well under physical duress. Pezzimenti owns bruised ribs, a shoulder and ankle ailment, and "everything else you can think of" according to Michalak.

The Bombers banner day registered their seasonal mark to 3-2 while the Brownies fell to 4-2 and 1-2 in the conference.

Agawam's post mortem is better certified when checking their offensive stats: Beaudette 6 carries, 38 yards; Toomey 5 for 24; and Dave Stuart 5 goods for 13 yards.

Leclerc banged his way for 39 yards on 10 carries and 3-9 in the air lanes for 81 yards.

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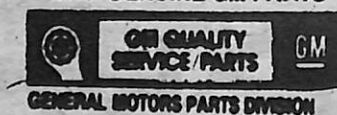


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The new store, 7th in Western Massachusetts, will employ close to 200 people and operate under Store Supervisor Mike DelNegro, a Springfield native.

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AHS Soccer Varsity Wins 1, Drops 2

By Charles Duclos

Coach Paul Blodgett's high school boys' varsity soccer team picked up one win while dropping two in their last three times out.

Tom Sipitowski, unassisted, surged the Brownies ahead of the South Hadley Tigers in first half action. Closing out that period, goalie Dave Gilbert snagged one out of the air which appeared to be a sure point for the Tigers.

Second half play allowed Jim Bodurtha to set up Bart McCarthy's point maker as Mac left-footed a neat one across the face of the goal and nestled it deep into the right corner of the net. Final score: Agawam, 2- South Hadley, 1.

Jeff Babcock played an exceptional offensive game as he continuously set up strategic plays from the wing position.

East Longmeadow sallied into Brownie territory twice in the first period and drew back after having left their mark each time.

Their first score came with 9:27 left in the period, while the second was notched with 3:35 showing on the clock.

Second period play see-sawed over the mid-stripe with neither team having any distinct advantage.

East Longmeadow skyrocketed in two more during the third period. Bart McCarthy was able to salvage a complete shutout by the Spartans when he soloed one down the field and drilled one past E.L.'s goalie in the closing minutes of the game. E.L., 4-Brownies, 1.

Northampton moved into Agawam on October 19th, and Agawam was ready for the challenge. The Brownies Todd Griffen broke away on the right side and sent forth a blistering shot from the top of the box. Hamp's goalie bobbled the hot shot and it dropped in. Before the half, Bart McCarthy added to his season's total by scooting one past the goalie to give Agawam a 2-zip lead at half-time.

Northampton managed to tie the game during the second half, and it looked as if the Brownies might at last settle for a 2-2 score; however, fate played its familiar tricks. With three seconds on the clock, Northampton's corner kick dropped in front of the goal and in the scramble for its recovery, was eased in to give Hamp a 3-2 victory.

Jay Jenks Makes WNEC Soccer Varsity

James T. Jenks of Feeding Hills has been selected as a member of the Western New England College varsity soccer team for the 1979 season.

Jenks, a freshman sociology major, will be playing at the left halfback or left wing position for Head Coach William Downes. The squad will be looking to improve on its impressive 10-5-1 record of a year ago, its tenth straight winning season.

Jenks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Jenks of 53 Clover Hill Drive and is a graduate of Agawam High.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

After scouting various areas in preparation for the opening day foray, I decided on a remote spot in the wilderness areas of Stratton Mountain.

It rained all day Friday, the day before the opening gun, and Saturday broke with raw, blustery winds and occasional showers. Deer were not to be found this day. Sunday it snowed a couple of inches and cut off around 11 in the morning.

That night, while on stand in my tree, I had a large buck mosey in. However, he wasn't interested in the tree I was watching and walked just far enough around it to be in back of a maze of branches and I had to watch him ramble on out of hearing. It was a large animal and walked heavy-footed in the semi-dried leaves.

Monday, the deer were still locked up in their beds and did not travel their usual routes to and from the apple trees. I left in the afternoon for other pastures. I located an area about 6 to 6 miles in from route 30. Old deer sign was evident and the place looked promising. I set up the truck camper for a few days stay and hunted the ridges for two days. There was plenty of sign and bear were passing through. But I did not see a deer.

One afternoon just before going out on stand, I was charging my water tank with my 12-volt air pump, which receives the electric juice from the cigarette lighter in the truck, when a very sweet feminine voice said, "Sir, does this road go to route 30?" I jumped about four feet into the air; the last thing I expected to hear in this remote wilderness was a warm woman's voice.

I spun around and standing in front of me was a lovely young lady dressed in tight britches, full blown shirt, hiking boots, knapsack on her back, red bandana around her head and a 4 to 6 hundred dollar camera with telephoto lens hanging off her left wrist.

I stared a little too long for her smile started to tighten up a bit. I blurted out, "What are you doing way in here? Did your car break down?"

First I actually pinched my arm to find out if this beautiful apparition facing me was for real. It was!

"No, my car is out on route 30. I was taking pictures. The mountains are so beautiful this time of year."

"Route 30 is behind you about 5 to 6 miles," I said. "Aren't you a little bit apprehensive about being out here all alone? You could be attacked, raped, even killed, and your body not found for months."

She shrugged her shoulders and remarked, "What will be will be."

"Are you from the Big Apple?"

"Yes, the Bronx," she sharply replied.

"It figures," I remarked. "Wait a few minutes while I put things in their place in the camper and I will give you a ride back to your car."

"Never mind," she said, "I walked this far and I will walk back to my car."

Boy, you never know what you will run into in the Vermont wilderness.

Just received word from Lance Poirer that he tagged a nice fat button buck in the same area Sunday night. When he returned Monday to pick up the deer, part of the animal had been eaten by a bear. Lance saved most of the meat, however.

Olympics Lose To South Shore

Agawam's Ron Dutton put together his injured finger and a sensational goaltending effort in a losing cause as the Springfield Olympics dropped a 5-3 decision to the South Shore Braves last Sunday afternoon.

Dutton stopped 49 Braves' shots to keep the 'Pics in the game. It was his second game in the lineup since suffering a small break in a finger a week ago.

This past Friday at Fitchburg, the cut opened up a couple of times as Dutton played in pain during a 7-5 loss to the undefeated Wallopers.

Agawam's Steve Castelli notched a goal and an assist in the Fitchburg loss.

The 'Pics, now at 3-3, will not return home until November 4th when they host the Suffolk, New York, Royals. This weekend they play the Royals twice in Long Island.

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Agawam Nurse On Statewide Committee

Four Mercy Hospital nurses have been appointed to statewide advisory committees developing rules and regulations governing the scope of critical and emergency room nursing.

Appointed from Agawam was Teri Wright of 290 Regency Park Apartments, who is an inservice instructor for critical care and will be on the committee dealing with critical care.

Mandated by state law, these committee recommendations must be jointly approved by both the Boards of Nursing and of Medicine. Those boards have already approved similar guidelines for nurse practitioners, midwives, mental health nurses, and nurse anesthetists.

Nocturnal Adoration Society Will Hold Vigil

The Nocturnal Adoration society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its all night vigil of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Theresa's Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, on Friday, November 2nd from 9 p.m. through until Saturday, November 3rd at 6 a.m.

The Rev. Robert Choquette, pastor and moderator of the society, will open with benediction and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the nine hours of adoration. Assisting Father Choquette will be Alfred Racicot, chairman of St. Theresa's delegation, and Louis Gallerani, president of West Springfield's.

A special mass will be concelebrated for all deceased members of the society on Wednesday, November 7th at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Church, West Springfield. Refreshments will follow the mass in the school cafeteria.

Prior to the special mass, there will be installation of male members. The national society has amended the statutes to form an auxiliary for women, the installation of which will precede that for the men.

An invitation has been extended to families of deceased members and friends.

Historical Association To Host Panel

The Agawam Historical Association will meet on Tuesday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Capt. Charles Leonard House on Main Street.

They will have as their guests a panel from the historical associations from the following towns: Wilbraham (Mrs. Coralee Gray), Springfield (Donald D'Amato), Longmeadow (Mrs. Louise Watkins), and Suffield (Roger Loomis).

The guests will share with members information concerning projects undertaken by their respective associations which they have found to be personally rewarding. An open discussion period will follow the presentation.

The meeting should be informative as well as provide an opportunity to meet people from the wider community who share common interests.

Greater Springfield Realtors Elect New Officers

The 850-member Greater Springfield Board of Realtors has re-elected Marie B. Jay of Westfield to serve a second term as its 1980 president. Mrs. Jay is co-manager of Century 21, Associated Realtors, Inc. of Agawam.

She has served as past secretary of the realtors organization and has chaired the board's pre-license school program which prepares students to sit for the broker's and salesman's exams.

Other officers elected include Paul J. Sears, vice president; Vera K. Burger, secretary; and Peter S. Meltzer, treasurer.

New directors serving three-year terms each are Harold M. Catlin, Jr. and Paul J. Guillotte.

State director for two years will be Anna S. Poulin, who will replace Karl Strassberger.

Induction ceremonies for the newly-elected officers and directors will take place in January at a realtors' dinner meeting.

Agawam Women Busy With Mount Carmel Bazaar

Mt. Carmel Church of Springfield is holding its sixth annual Christmas Bazaar in the school auditorium on Margaret Street on Saturday and Sunday, November 3rd and 4th.

Several women from Agawam are assisting in the preparation of articles for the various booths which will offer items just in time for Christmas shopping.

Included as workers are Mrs. Josephine (Yacavone) Oehlers, Mrs. Rose Longhi, and Mrs. Edwina Fortini, who are busy with pasta and tortellini making as well as sewing articles for sale in the Stitch & Sew booth and preparing herbs from their gardens.

The bazaar will feature knit goods, Christmas decorations, Italian pastry, children's booths, fortune wheels for adults and children, portrait drawing, Santa Claus with camera, and various food booths. Chicken cacciatore dinners will be served on Saturday with sittings from 11:30 to 2 and from 5 to 8 o'clock.

A cordial invitation to area people is extended by the committee. There will be no admission charge. The doors will open Saturday at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Agawam Library Plans Spook Spectacular

On Saturday morning, October 27th, the Agawam Public Library will present a Spook Spectacular film show in the Community Room. The show will begin at 10 a.m.

Popeye and Pink Panther cartoons will accompany excerpts from "The House of Frankenstein" and "The Mummy's Ghost."

All children in Agawam who attend elementary school are invited to attend this special Halloween film festival.

Trading Post Operating Again

The Trading Post, located at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam, is again filled with great buys for all the bargain hunters and those trying to stretch their budget.

Winter clothes for the entire family are in stock especially an excellent assortment of men's clothes, a good choice of casual, dressy, and formal clothes for ladies, and some good buys in the children's room.

The Trading Post also carries household items, paperback books, vases, records, and games.

It is a concession shop and has been in business for several years. They are open on Wednesdays 10 to 6 and the last Wednesday of the month until 8 p.m.

Jewish Singles To Sponsor Farewell To Fall Picnic

The Jewish Singles of Western Massachusetts will sponsor a "Farewell To Fall" picnic on Sunday, October 28th, from 2 p.m. to sunset at the Mt. Tom State Reservation (past the Mt. Tom ski area). Grills and good company will be provided, but those in attendance are asked to bring their own food and sporting equipment.

Directions are as follows: From I-91N take exit 17A (Holyoke). Left at light, straight about 10 miles. Entrance road on left.

For further information, please contact Heidi Rosner at 533-9400, Janis Rothstein at 567-5795, or Steven Mackler at 788-7777.

Mercy Hospital Sponsors Stop Smoking Program

The Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, a scientifically conducted group therapy program conducted by Seventh-Day Adventists, will be held in conference room two on the first floor of Mercy Hospital from 7:30 to 9 p.m. November 5 to 9.

Reservations are necessary, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Please contact the hospital at 781-9100, ext. 2338, for tickets or more information.



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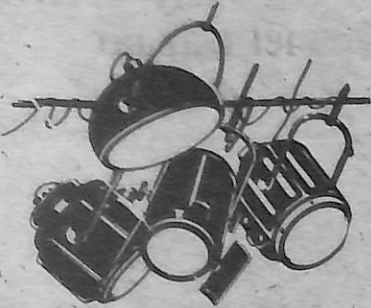
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Spotlight on Business

Crossroads Opens In Feeding Hills

What does the author of the "Our Feathered Friends" column do in her spare time? Who knows! Mary Os and husband Bernie have no spare since they opened *Crossroads*, a unique gift and furniture shop located in Feeding Hills.

Crossroads is located in a lovely 115 year old house at the corner of Northwestfield and Southwick Streets - a house recently restored by owner Ralph DePalma. The eight rooms are filled to overflowing with unusual gifts and fine furniture running the gamut from colonial to contemporary - and a lot in between. "Our aim," Bernie said, "is to bring to Feeding Hills a place to shop where you can buy quality furniture and gifts from a local merchant - a merchant who will stand behind every item sold."

Mary and Bernie Os and their 18 month old son Benjamin live on Liquori Drive in Feeding Hills. They moved to Agawam from Vermont just one year ago. Bernie, a Springfield native, graduated from Classical High School and STCC. He was a furniture and carpet buyer for Forbes and Wallace, and most recently, has been affiliated with the Hadley Village Barn. Mary is a Ludlow native, graduating from Ludlow High School, STCC, and the University of Massachusetts. As most of our loyal readers know, Mary also writes the "Our Feathered Friends" column for this paper.

Bernie and Mary both have a flair for decorating, and recently, Bernie decorated the Springfield Science Museum. At *Crossroads*, either is on hand to give you special attention and advice, as is the store's decorating service headed up by Dorene Corey of Southampton.

Crossroads offers a large collection of authentic oriental and Belgium oriental rugs, framed and unframed prints and original works of art; craft items, super collectibles, silk flowers, vases mirrors, sofas, tables, lamps, dining room furniture, recliners, and on...and on...and on.

Mary and Bernie invite you to visit their shop and see what all the excitement in Feeding Hills Center is about. Frinedly, competent, dependable service - gifts worth giving (and receiving) and furniture for every taste.



Pictured at the Crossroads Ribbon Cutting Ceremony are left to right, Ralph DePalma, building owner, Mary Os, Owner, Council President, Richard Theroux, Dorene Cory, owner Bernie Os, and Lounge sales Representative Jan Silansky.



Agawam Auto Repair, Springfield St., Feeding Hills

Agawam Auto Repair

Agawam Auto Repair has recently been opened on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Owned by partners Joann Brocka and Dave Nelson, this garage specializes in repairing brakes, mufflers, and electrical systems. Expert work is performed by mechanic Butch Barber who has considerable experience in this line of repair.

Ms. Brocka had previously been a used car buyer all over the Greater Springfield area, selling the cars from a place she owned on Page Boulevard. After applying for and being denied a permit to sell used cars at their present location in Agawam, she and her partner decided to switch to operating a full service station. She felt the station seemed to be in the right area for a viable business and serves as the station's manager. Her partner Dave repairs cars along with Mr. Barber.

Agawam Auto Repair is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Sunday.

Shoprite Opens Supermarket In West Springfield

As Mr. Stanford Cohen, President of Mott's (ShopRite) Supermarkets cogen in front of his company's 24th supermarket at K-Mart Plaza on Tuesday August 23, a flood of pleasant memories surged through his mind. Scissors in hand he was set to cut the opening ribbon.

It was a little over 25 years ago that he worked in his family's own supermarket across Memorial Avenue and virtually a stone's throw away. As he recalls, it was a good-sized store for its time, but nowhere in the category of the 33,000 square foot Mott's store that he was opening. It employed about 60 people and Stan "layed in all fields, sometimes cutting ham, then running to the produce department to weigh the bananas for the same customer and then meeting her again at the checkout counter.

His family store was promotionally ahead of its time and Springfield residents in their late thirties or early



At ShopRite grand opening in West Springfield are, from left to right: Ruth McKenna; Sue Witt, Personnel Manager; and Mike Del-Negro, store Manager. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Pictured above is Laura Young

Ballet Master Classes Offered October 27th

In continuing their Guest Teachers Program, the directors of Ballet Theatre School of Springfield, Inc. have announced two ballet master classes for Saturday afternoon, October 27th, to be given by Laura Young and Tony Catanzaro, soloists of the Boston Ballet.

Both 1½ hour classes are for intermediate and advanced students and are open to all students and teachers of all dance schools in the Springfield area.

Mr. Catanzaro will teach the first class at 1 p.m., and Miss Young will teach the second at 2:30 p.m.

A native of Cohasset, Massachusetts, Laura Young began her training at the age of seven and joined the Boston Ballet in her high school years. Her professional career began as a charter member of the company under the direction of E. Virginia Williams. She danced for two years with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and then rejoined the Boston Ballet as a principal dancer. In the spring of 1977, she toured Italy as a member of "Dancers" performing at the Festival of Two Worlds in Spolete.

Tony Catanzaro began his dance training at New York's High School of Performing Arts, where he majored in modern dance. His ballet studies began when he received a full scholarship to the Harkness Ballet School. He joined the Boston Ballet by invitation of E. Virginia Williams in 1970. Following his residency, he joined the Joffrey Ballet, dancing in several notable ballets. He rejoined the Boston Ballet in 1973, winning considerable acclaim.

In private life, Laura Young and Tony Catanzaro are happily married and have danced together many times. Last month they served as adjudicators for the Pioneer Valley Ballet in Northampton and were guests of honor at a party given by Gail Giere Collins, artistic director of the P.V.B. They have both appeared on numerous television shows and at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival.

Fees for the Ballet Master Classes are \$6.00 for each class or both classes for only \$10. Reservations are required in advance, either in person at the Ballet Theatre School office or by calling any evening or Saturday for further information - 732-9569.

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